

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 - 6, and 8 - 19 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled from the application without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced with these corrections or amendments, all of which are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 1 and 3 - 19 remain in the application.

I. **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action dated January 6, 2005 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") states that Claims 1 - 2, 4 - 6, and 10 - 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent 6,051,032 to Harrison et al. Claim 2 has been cancelled from the application without prejudice. This rejection is respectfully traversed with reference to Claims 1, 4 - 6, and 10 - 17.

Applicants have amended their independent Claims 1, 10, and 15 herein to more clearly specify limitations of their invention. Applicants find no teachings in Harrison of a software installation model that prescribes software installation interface requirements (Claim 1, line 5), nor of obtaining object-oriented objects that fulfill these software installation interface requirements (Claim 1, lines 3 - 5), nor of a software installation model used as a framework for creating software installation packages (Claim 1, lines 5 - 6). In addition, Applicants find no teaching in Harrison of a suite level that "serves as a container for ... topology objects ... and component objects ... wherein each topology object identifies one or more selected ones of the software components to be installable" (Claim 1, lines 13 - 14, emphasis added).

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Harrison teaches that a bundle of install objects comprises "necessary objects, attributes and inter-object relationships" (col. 2, lines 34 - 36), and that a bundle of model objects is a subset of these install objects (col. 2, lines 39 - 41). Once the model objects have been modified, or a systems administrator has selected not to modify them, they are merged back with the install objects, thus providing a bundle of image objects (col. 2, lines 45 - 50). In the Office Action, Harrison's "bundle of install objects" has been equated to Applicants' suite level (paragraph 3, lines 10 - 11); his "necessary objects" have been equated to Applicants' component level (paragraph 3, lines 11 - 12); and his "model objects" have been equated to Applicants' topology objects (paragraph 3, line 13). However, using this analysis, it would be necessary for Harrison to teach that each of his "model objects" "identifies one or more selected ones of the [necessary components] to be installable", as per Applicants' Claim 1, lines 13 - 14, emphasis added. Harrison has no teaching of this limitation. Instead, what is cited in the Office Action is "configuration details thereof" (paragraph 3, line 17), referencing col. 3, lines 52 - 54. This cited text is discussing Harrison's model objects, not his necessary objects. Using the Office Action analysis, where model objects are equated to topology objects, the cited text from Harrison can only be analyzed as "configuration details of topology objects". The cited text therefore fails to teach that topology objects identify one or more software components to be installable.

The Office Action therefore fails to provide references that teach the first limitation of Applicants' independent Claims 1, 10, and 15. Accordingly, these independent claims are deemed patentable as currently presented. Dependent Claims 2, 4 - 6, 11 - 14, and 16 - 17 are therefore deemed patentable over the reference as well, and the Examiner is respectfully

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requested to withdraw the §102(b) rejection.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action states that Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrison in view of "JavaBeans v1.01" by Sun Microsystems (1997). Paragraph 5 of the Office Action states that Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrison in view of U. S. Patent 6,233,565 to Lewis et al. Paragraph 5 of the Office Action further states (on Page 6) that Claims 8 - 9, 13 - 14, and 18 - 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent 6,051,032 to Harrison et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As noted above, Applicants respectfully submit that their independent claims are patentable over Harrison. Thus, Harrison cannot be combined with the JavaBeans reference and/or Lewis to render the dependent claims unpatentable. Claims 3, 7 - 9, 13 - 14, and 18 - 19 are therefore deemed patentable as currently presented, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the §103(a) rejections.

III. Conclusion

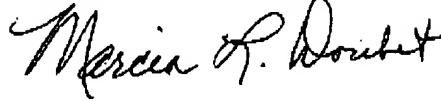
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejected claims, withdrawal of all presently outstanding rejections, and allowance of all remaining claims at an early date.

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